



NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee

Consultation 2 - November 2025 to January 2026

This document covers questions about the supports being consulted on. Further information about the NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee can be found on the [Department of Health, Disability and Ageing website](#).

Frequently Asked Questions – Supports

Why were these supports chosen for review?

The workplan for the NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee (EAC) is agreed by the Disability Reform Ministerial Council each year. This council comprises disability ministers from the Commonwealth and all states and territories.

Supports are chosen based on efficacy, safety and value for money considerations, with a focus on areas where the evidence base is contested, mixed, or emerging. The workplan includes a mix of therapy, assistive technology and capital supports that may be used by diverse disability groups. It includes some supports that are currently funded by the NDIS and some supports that are not currently funded.

I use a NDIS support that is currently under review by the EAC. Does this mean I won't be able to receive NDIS funding for it anymore?

No, if the support is currently funded by the NDIS you can continue to use it while the EAC's assessment and deliberations take place. This process is expected to take several months or more. If government decides that any changes should be made to a support's eligibility for NDIS funding based on the EAC's advice, this will be clearly communicated before changes come into effect.

I use a NDIS support that is currently under review by the EAC. Does this mean the support is not safe or not effective?

No. Supports may be reviewed by the EAC for a range of reasons, and the focus of the review might differ across supports. For example, for some supports, the review may focus on evidence for specific disability groups, while for others it could be how often or how long the support should be provided, and for others it may be about value for money or safety.

I use a NDIS support that is not currently under review. Does that mean it won't be on any future workplans for the EAC?

No. Each year the Disability Reform Ministerial Council will agree on a workplan for the EAC, drawing on research, data, information provided during consultations and other evidence to prioritise supports for assessment.

What does the assessment of each support involve?

The EAC will consider a range of evidence including published literature, grey literature, data and lived experience of people with disability collected by [public consultation](#).

Expert research groups will prepare the assessment reports based on the best available evidence for each support. The EAC will then review and assess the evidence and make recommendations to government on the safety, suitability and value of supports for NDIS funding.

Why are you comparing the support to other supports?

The scientific process of assessing whether something is effective involves comparing it to something else that aims to achieve the same, or very similar outcomes. For many supports there is not one thing that provides exactly the same outcomes. Different alternative supports or combinations of alternative supports may be relevant for different purposes, applications, populations, and intended outcomes. The EAC must, where possible, consider evidence for each support compared to other supports which aim to help achieve similar outcomes. The EAC will also consider and compare other factors, such as the availability of the support and alternatives, such as in remote locations, or the suitability of the support for different disability groups.

When will I know the outcome of the assessment for a support?

The EAC will review and assess the evidence and make recommendations to Government on the safety, suitability and value of supports for NDIS funding. Government will then decide whether any changes to the current management of the support is warranted, and how to implement changes if required. Information will be published on the [Department of Health, Disability and Ageing website](#) as it becomes available.

How can I share my experience using the support with the EAC?

Public consultation on the next supports to be considered by the EAC is now open. This is available on this [webpage](#).

We are seeking input about:

- who uses or might use the supports
- how and why people use the supports
- other supports people may use to seek similar outcomes.

The [Department of Health, Disability and Ageing website](#) will contain links to other community consultation activities as they become available.

We will also give the EAC a summary of what you tell us. The EAC will use the published evidence and the information gathered through consultation to give advice to Government about the safety, suitability, and cost-effectiveness of various disability supports.

Why is art and music therapy under review, considering that a review was recently done?

The NDIA released the [Independent Review into pricing for music and art therapy supports](#), conducted by Dr Stephen Duckett AM on 10th September 2025. In his review Duckett recommended the EAC examine art and music therapy for specific cohorts. If you made a submission to that review by Dr Stephen Duckett AM, you can email your submission to disabilityevidence@health.gov.au. You are also welcome to complete the current survey using the link on this [webpage](#).